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Let Us Usher in a Golden Era

By Archie Cherkezian, AMAA President and Chairman of the Board of Directors

"He built churches throughout the land—in towns, villages, and in the open country; he built schools for Christian education of young people as well as adults; he became an evangelist, preaching the Word to other nations. He was convinced that the best way to establish sound Christianity was by living an exemplary Christian life as well as teaching the Christian faith. He was the first Armenian missionary."

—Our Armenian Christian Heritage

WHO WAS THIS MAN, so like Jesus the Christ who gave His whole life to proclaim God's love and salvation to the world? History calls him St. Gregory the Illuminator, who influenced the King of Armenia, Tiridates III, to proclaim Christianity as the religion of the State. Armenia thus became the first nation in the world to accept Christianity.

This person is also you, and every other Armenian-American who has contributed to the work of the Armenian Missionary Association of America over the past 60 years. Like Gregory, you have helped build churches and schools, teach children and adults, spread the Word of God through preaching and the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature, heal the sick, uphold the faith by witnessing, and much more. You too are an outstanding Armenian missionary.

THE STORY OF ARMENIA is like that of Gregory. This nation, so radiant in culture and in faith, was persecuted without cause and torn into pieces by other world powers. Her people were dispo-

sessed, massacred and deprived of a stable future. Only in recent times, in free and hospitable lands like the United States and others, have immigrant Armenians freed themselves from the tragedies of their past to continue to proclaim the Gospel unhindered and to cherish their own rich, ethnic heritage.

INDIVIDUAL ARMENIAN-AMERICANS tell the same inspiring story. These brave people immigrated to the United States because of religious persecution, civil strife and the threat of annihilation—all forces contrary to the Christian spirit. They struggled hard to carve out a respectable, productive and integrated future in their new country. They worked ambitiously to secure a home for their children in a land blessed with civic freedom, economic opportunity, a high standard of living, abundant food and educational resources. In nurturing the AMAA to reach its 60th year of missionary outreach, they too have come into their own. Armenian-Americans now reflect that same glorious missionary spirit as St. Gregory, unleashing their spiritual fervor and generosity over the earth to proclaim God's goodness.

YOU AND ALL ARMENIANS deserve to be commended for your heritage. Armenian culture is imbued with the spirit of Christianity—of loving, of caring, of deep involvement with the things of God. In joyful response, you have offered your love and service, your outreach and compassion to the needy, as your faith demands.

YOU DESERVE TO BE COMMENDED for your own achievements, revealed through this record of the past 60 years to all Armenians, including Apostolic and Catholic, in outstanding missionary and humanitarian service through the AMAA.

THE STORY OF GREGORY, the story of Armenia, of the AMAA, and of every member, donor, leader and concerned supporter of Armenian-American missionary work, proclaims God Himself, clearly, beautifully. Every word and deed expresses your Christian values in loving service and witness. This glorious past is to your credit. So too does the future rest on you, to continue to proclaim Him . . . in word and deed . . . to Armenians throughout the world.

THE AMAA'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY Celebration in 1978 is your opportunity to do just that: to maintain and enlarge our current mission projects at home and abroad, and to reach out and answer new needs.

This year, with your cooperation, the AMAA plans to enlarge its capital funds. Income from these funds will support missionary projects you select. The AMAA needs your help to expand its Social Services to immigrants and Armenian-Americans, to enlarge its Christian religious outreach, to strengthen its Armenian heritage studies, to improve Armenian language opportunities, and to continue its overseas mission outreach in 13 countries.

This 60th Anniversary Celebration will mark the golden era of AMAA's endeavors. Its success depends entirely on you!

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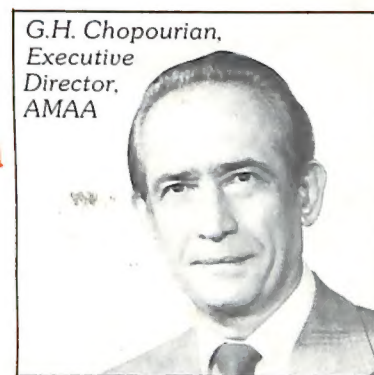
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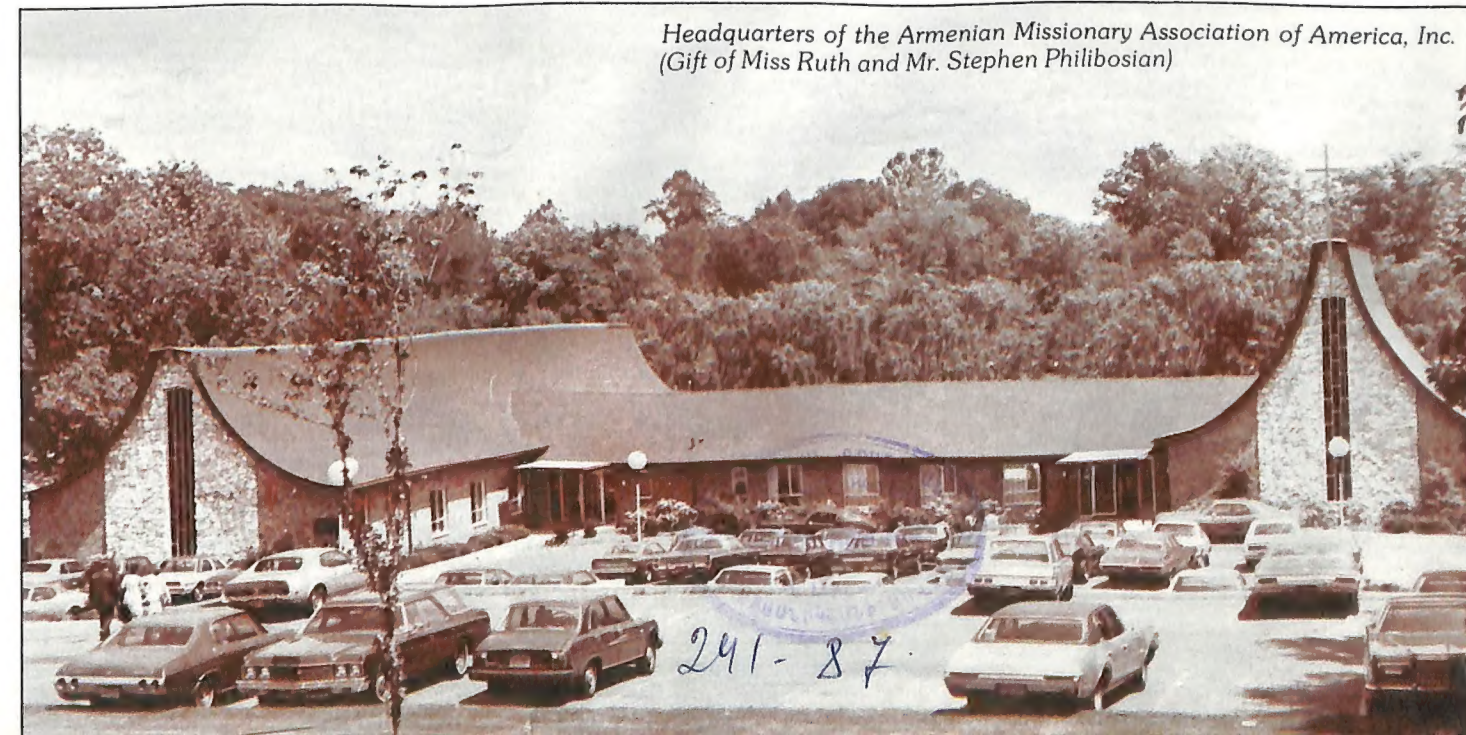
"I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance." —Revelations 2:19

G.H. Chopourian, Executive Director, AMAA



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| 1918 | June 7. AMAA founded by delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Armenian Evangelical Union convened in the Armenian Church of the Martyrs, Worcester, Massachusetts. | 1920 | October 21. AMAA legally incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of New York. | 1968 | AMAA plans and executes a 50th Anniversary Campaign. |
| 1918 | December 1. First membership drive. | 1947 | AMAA calls its first fully-paid Executive Secretary. | 1971 | First missionary sent to Teheran and Narmek, Iran. |
| 1919 | May 22-25. First Annual Meeting of the AMAA. | 1955 | Haigazian College founded by the AMAA in Beirut, Lebanon. | 1972 | November 11. AMAA headquarters moved from New York to Paramus, NJ |
| 1919 | July 8. First Meeting of the Board of Directors, AMAA. | 1956 | Istanbul Youth Home (Badanegan Doon) started. | 1974 | The title "Executive Secretary" was changed to "Executive Director" at annual meeting. |
| | | 1958 | AMAA plans and executes a 40th Anniversary Campaign. | 1978 | 60th Anniversary Celebration and Campaign. |

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AMAA: Serving Mission Needs Today and Tomorrow

"Our Love . . . something real and active." —1 John 3:18

The Armenian Missionary Association of America serves as your missionary to Armenians throughout the world. Through the AMAA, you help preach the Gospel . . . offer the blessings of education to needy students . . . preserve Armenian culture . . . help Armenian churches and missions grow . . . provide medical relief, nutritional lunch programs to children and welfare to Armenian families who need it most—when they need it. As part of the AMAA missionary outreach, you become a "missioner" in absentia. Your Christian love becomes "something real and active" (1 John 3:18) like that of Christ, who healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, and fed the hungry.

TODAY, the AMAA is a public charitable organization governed by a Board of twenty-one Christian laymen and clergy. In His name—and yours—the AMAA serves underprivileged Armenians everywhere, raising them to a level that will enable them, in turn, to serve and lead. Because of your concern and support over the past 60 years, your missionary work and witness now extends to Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Cyprus, France, Greece, Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, the United States and Uruguay. You can keep up-to-date on the special ways you are helping the AMAA serve at home and overseas through the AMAA News, which in 1975 combined with the

Armenian-American Outlook to provide that information more effectively.

Teaching, Training, Serving

With your aid, the AMAA has enlarged its Child Education Program in the Middle East; developed Haigazian College in Beirut and restored it after the Lebanon Civil War; each year helped support over 10,000 students in 30 schools; maintained the Istanbul Youth Home; and contributed to the Institute for Armenian Blind and Deaf.

Because of your own strong faith, for 60 years the AMAA has helped train ministers, lay theology students and religious workers. It has carried on Daily Vacation Bible School projects . . . supplied aid to retired teachers and ministers . . . distributed Bibles . . . assisted in the production of prominent Armenian publications and translations of Armenian-English literature.

You have also helped the AMAA pay for the construction, repair and equipment of church and school buildings . . . establish new churches and missions . . . sponsor evangelical missions to stir people to renewed faith. Through the support of numerous clinics, lunch programs, emergency relief programs and the new Social Service Center in Los Angeles, you have helped the AMAA serve Christ through His needy people. Your missionary witness has shone forth through worship and work.



Energetic youth of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Sao Paulo confer with Dr. Chopourian. Three are possible seminary candidates.



Conference with the President and Department heads of the Seminary of the Independent Presbyterian Denomination in Sao Paulo to arrange for placement of ministerial candidates. (Rev. Moses Janbazian of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Sao Paulo, third from left.)

The AMAA carries out your missionary work with resources received through endowment funds, trusts, memorials and contributions. All are gifts of love from Armenian-Americans who care.

TOMORROW, the AMAA wants to continue to expand its outreach and to assist all needy Armenians overseas and at home, especially through education, church growth, leadership training, evangelism, medical, nutritional and general relief work. In 1978, the 60th Anniversary Celebration will introduce four new, pressing emphases.

Through **Social Services**, the AMAA wants to meet the immediate social needs of immigrants, youth and senior citizens, particularly in the Los Angeles area. Through **Armenian Heritage Studies**, the AMAA will encourage courses in Armenian culture, language and history for all church members. Through **Armenian Radio Programs**, the AMAA will plan to reach Armenians in thickly-populated areas in the States with the Gospel message. Through a **Senior Citizen's Retirement Community** program, the AMAA will plan to make the life of the Armenian elderly more meaningful.

All told, great needs remain both at home and overseas, especially in the Middle East. The Gospel call remains as challenging as ever. Yours is the privilege to respond during our 60th Anniversary Celebration.

"I tell you this: anything you did for one of my brothers here, however humble, you did for me." Matt. 25:40 NEB



The newly-established church of Sydney, Australia thanks you for the support that made their church a reality.



First full meeting of the Armenian Missionary Association of Evangelical Churches in the Near East, Aleppo, 1974.



A congregation in worship.

DREAMS FOR 1978

For Churches, AMAA is a Conduit of Service

"Think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God."

—1 Corinthians 4:1-2

As a worthy steward, the AMAA offers churches a unique opportunity for missionary outreach. Through the AMAA, churches in the U.S. can sustain their brother and sister churches throughout the world. Individuals can help other individual Armenians in need of education, religion or compassionate relief. Acting as a conduit or medium of service, the AMAA channels resources to needs and links giver, gift and receiver.

Indeed we are all "enablers". The AMAA enables churches to reach the needy. Churches enable the AMAA to supply the resources needed. Through each one's talents, vision and support, AMAA personnel, missionaries, pastors, donors, local committee members and concerned Armenian-Americans all enable the AMAA to carry on its ministry.

Aiding Church Growth

Part of missionary outreach is church growth, both at home and overseas. This growth depends on widespread mission education and involvement. To this end, the AMAA wants to help provide church members with a more thorough, Armenian-flavored education in missionary outreach... foster a deeper sense of mission in church youth... encourage even greater stewardship so the local church can continue to grow through increased weekly support.

In the coming years, the AMAA will establish a broad-based program of radio evangelism and offer an on-going stewardship program to churches. Both programs will teach evangelism and stewardship as every member's responsibility. Both will enhance the deeper Christian commitment of all local church members.

Where desired, the AMAA will furnish local churches with special programs of stewardship, home mission, foreign mission, youth, family life, Sunday school enlargement, estate planning and deferred giving. Special Armenian-English literature and instruction will help supply ethnic roots to every member's missionary aspirations.

Keeping Communication Lines Open

To help members better understand the part churches play in missionary work, the AMAA offers regular visits to local churches by Executive Director Dr. G.H. Chopourian. In the United States, Canada and South America, his services include mission sermons, slide presentations on AMAA ministries, youth lessons, conferences, speaking engagements, family meetings and consultations. Dr. Chopourian visits mission areas, including the Middle East, to evaluate changing needs, review priorities, and to ensure open lines of communication with leaders of mission countries. Through these visits, the AMAA maintains a direct contact between the mission field and you.

George Philibosian, International Chairman of AMAA 60th Anniversary Celebrations and Moderator of AEU-NA.



Dreams for 1978

Without dreams, life falters. Wheels stop turning. People stop caring... sharing.

The AMAA has always dreamed of bringing Armenians in the U.S. together for mutual benefit and more effective missionary action. During 1977, the AMAA worked actively with the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEU-NA) to achieve that dream. During the 60th Anniversary, the Union will actively support the Celebration. Together we will forge ahead.

To this end, the AMAA and the AEU-NA have agreed to convene together the All-Armenian Evangelical Conference in Haverford, PA (near Philadelphia), June 26-28, 1978. All Armenian Evangelical Churches at home and overseas, including the Brethren Churches, will be invited.

The Conference will strive:

To bring clergy and lay leaders together for consultation on the status of the Armenian Evangelical Movement.

To study and pray together to recapture the inspiration which led to our commitment to the Kingdom of God.

To evaluate, plan and act upon ways and means of making our Christian testimony more Biblical, dynamic and soul-winning.

To strengthen the base of our missionary outreach by making the AMAA the missionary arm of all Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Diaspora.

To seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the "revitalization and growth" of our Armenian Evangelical movement.

DREAMS FOR 1978

Education

"Proclaim Him... in word and deed."

The late Stephen Philibosian, Founder of the Child Education Sponsorship Program.



EDUCATION, the universal challenge to "proclaim Him... in word and deed" through studying the truth and beauty in the world around you, is number one in AMAA missionary priorities. Homeless children, handicapped youth, needy college students, immigrant adults—all need this vital key to survival in modern society. Through the support of concerned individuals like you, who have sponsored education through the AMAA, the gains have been enormous over the past 60 years.

Adopt-A-Foreign-Child-Abroad Program

Since 1945, the AMAA's child education sponsorship program has helped over 2000 children per year. The program provides tuition for elementary and secondary students in the Middle East whose parents are unable to afford their children's schooling. Through the AMAA, sponsors like you contribute \$50 a year for elementary pupils and \$100 a year for high school pupils. These amounts do not cover the full cost of tuition. If a sponsor promises partial tuition through the AMAA, the school must supply the balance in order to qualify for the scholarship. The child's education is thus assured. The AMAA also handles all processing and correspondence costs.

Students Educated for Modern World

Through this program, the AMAA assists students in Lebanon, Syria, Greece, Turkey, and since the Lebanon crisis, refugees in Cyprus. Graduates under this program have qualified for colleges in Lebanon, Europe and the United States.



AMAA has helped build more than a dozen school buildings with your support and with substantial gifts from the Stephen Philibosian Foundation.



Through the AMAA, you help turn a poor and illiterate shepherd boy into a well-groomed, Christ-loving, Junior College graduate.

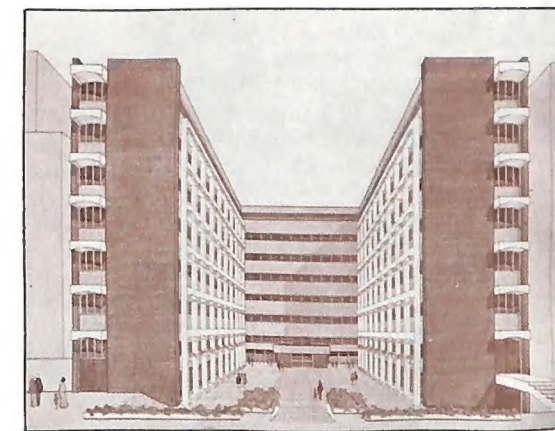


Vahe Roubian, D.D.S., Originator of program with Kiwanis International

The ratio of student population is about 80% Armenian Apostolic, 18% Protestant and 2% Catholic or other. No attempt is made to change their church affiliation. All students learn English, Arabic (the language of the country), Armenian and some French.

Kiwanis Approve and Support Program

In 1963, Kiwanis International gave approval to the Adopt-A-Foreign-Child-Abroad program and recommended it to Kiwanis Clubs for support. The program was listed as, "An acceptable Citizenship



The Yeprem and Martha Philibosian Armenian Evangelical College, Beirut.

Services Project" in the *Kiwanis International Bulletin*. As a result, some 20 Kiwanis districts and more than 500 clubs participate with great enthusiasm and effort. For example, "There was a million dollars worth of satisfaction in this project for me," commented the Bulletin Editor, Kiwanis Club of Hyde Park, NY.

Because the AMAA is specially committed to help the children of dispossessed families through education, you share—and make possible—this opportunity for service with extremely low cost and maximum effectiveness.



Dispossessed Armenian children from the barren Anatolou region in the Interior of Turkey find a new home, faith and future at Istanbul Youth Home.



DREAMS FOR 1978

Istanbul Youth Home (Badanegan Doon)

In the interior of Turkey live about 40,000 Armenians who have lost not only their hope, but also their national identity and Christian heritage. To "salvage" at least the children of these poor people, the AMAA with your aid helps operate the Istanbul Youth Home. Here over 125 children from the backward Anatolou region receive a secular education during the week and intensive Christian training over the weekend. During the summer months, they eat, sleep, assist in camp work, and receive daily Christian nurture in the Summer Camp (Camp Armen).

The Istanbul Youth Home was founded in 1956 by the joint efforts of Swiss philanthropist Theodore Weiser, the AMAA and the Union of the Churches in the Middle East. The Home was put under the direction of Hrant Guzelian, who committed himself unreservedly to this urgent need. To help these Armenian children continue to regain their dignity, nationality and Christianity, the AMAA contributes generously each year through the support of sponsors like you. Many other charitable organizations join you in this work: the Stephen Philibosian Foundation, the A.G.B.U., the Lodges and Otyags of the Knights and Daughters of Vartan, the Telfeyan Evangelical Fund, the Constantinople Armenian Relief Society, Ladies Aid Societies of Churches, and others.

You can help sponsor children in four ways: 1) Sponsor one child through graduation at \$300 a year, which covers food, meals, lodging and schooling. 2) Sponsor a child for one year for only \$300. 3) Sponsor the project with a donation. 4) Sponsor more than one child. Through your love and care, deprived Armenian children from the Interior will continue to receive a new outlook on life.



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Haigazian College

Thanks to the Haigazian College in Beirut, Lebanon is the only country in the Middle East where an Armenian child can go through a unified, progressive educational system from kindergarten to college. And Haigazian is the only Armenian College outside Soviet Armenia to give academic degrees in the Humanities, Language, Literature, Business, Science and Social Science. Here a student of any race, nationality or creed can receive a sound academic education in a church-related atmosphere, absorb Armenian culture, and benefit from a Lebanese-Arab milieu. No Armenian youth who qualifies but lacks the means is excluded. To date, nearly 1000 graduates have moved into positions of responsibility all over the world. Some of them are already serving the very institution which enabled them to receive higher education.

Haigazian College was founded in 1955 by the AMAA and the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East. Named after the late Dr. Armenag Haigazian, a distinguished educator, the college opened with a student body of 43 and a faculty of 10. At one time its student body rose to 650,



Rendel Levonian, M.D.,
Chairman, Haigazian
College Board of
Trustees



Your support through
annual scholarships
helps deserving Ar-
menian students grad-
uate from Haigazian
College. They bring
hope for a brighter
future to their people.



This blind Armenian
boy can now "read"
through your help and
the AMAA.



Your missionary to Iran,
Arpine Mashigian
Aghabegian.

DREAMS FOR 1978

The Institute for Armenian Blind and Deaf

The Institute for Armenian Blind and Deaf, and the Homes for Armenian Old People and Widows at Bourj-Hammond, Lebanon and Aleppo, Syria have served Armenians in the Middle East for almost fifty years. They care for blind, deaf, mute and mentally retarded Armenians, providing them with a home, clothing, food and education.

The Institute consists of a home for blind residents; of workshops where blind and otherwise handicapped workers earn their income by producing baskets, chairs, brushes; and of a school with classes for blind, mentally retarded, deaf and hard-of-hearing children. A family assistance program helps the needy and sick. The Institute maintains a home for blind and destitute widows, too, who otherwise would be left without food or shelter.

Since 1928, the Institute has been largely sustained by the Swiss Friends of the Armenians, and the AMAA now serves as the Institute's receiving agent in the United States. Your contributions—past, present and future—help keep this work alive, giving "eyes to the blind," "ears to the deaf," and relative economic security to the handicapped and mentally retarded.

DREAMS FOR 1978

Your Mission to Iran

More than 35,000 Armenians living around Teheran, Iran are in desperate need of better education, religious training and social services. Recognizing this critical need, the AMAA, acting for the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, sent Arpine Mashigian Aghabegian to work among the children and youth in Narmek and Mejdieh, near Teheran. The fruit of her dedicated work already includes two Christian Endeavor Societies, Sunday School classes, Daily Vacation Bible Schools and the purchase of property for two new Christian Centers. Additional programs, equipment and volunteer workers are needed to develop this newest AMAA mission.

World Missionary Outreach of the Armenian Missionary Association of America

"Go . . . make disciples of all nations
... baptize . . . and teach."
—Matthew 28:19

You send missionary aid to 13 countries through the AMAA

The AMAA is active in 13 different countries around the world, serving underprivileged Armenians through numerous missionary projects. Child education sponsorships and scholarships, medical and general relief work, and missionary outreach are the most widespread activities. Worldwide, the AMAA also fosters Armenian history and culture, and supplies financial aid to religious publications. With your generous assistance, the AMAA either maintains or supports the following ministries in individual countries.

Canada

Local Church Missions Committee formed to support AMAA projects. Scholarships for local Armenian youth. Assistance in purchase of church.

United States

Educational scholarships for college students.
Immigration & Resettlement Services: Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center, Los Angeles
AMAA Headquarters
Sacred Music Singers.
Local Church Missions Committees.
Stewardship, Mission, Evangelism
Education to Churches.
Assistance to the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America.
Provision for Ministers' Retirement Fund.
Assist in AEU-NA's administrative work.
Postage and mailing of Union's "FORUM" to its members.

Brazil (Sao Paulo)

Contributing substantial funds towards the construction of the sanctuary of the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Sao Paulo.
Founding of an AMAA Church Chapter in 1977 to promote missionary projects.
Support of youth activities.
Encouragement and support of missionary activities.

Argentina

AMAA District Committee of Argentina founded to promote and sponsor missionary projects.
Relief to needy elderly Armenians.
Purchase of building as AMAA center for Bible study and cultural programs.

Uruguay

Purchase of a sanctuary and campus for a Missionary Church.
Formation of an AMAA Church Chapter to promote AMAA Missionary Projects.
Relief to needy elderly Armenians.
Substantial financial support of ministers' salaries.

France

Financial assistance to *Panpere*, publication of Armenian Evangelical Union of France.
Relief to teachers and pastors.
Aid to the Armenian Evangelical Union of France.

Greece

Child Education Sponsorship.
Assistance to subsidize pastor's salary.
Relief to individuals.

Syria

Child Education Sponsorship in 8 schools.
Medical and "old age" relief.
Assistance towards church and school building construction.
Relief to retired teachers.
Assistance to orphaned pupils and children of impoverished families.
Support for Old Peoples Home.
Relief to families from Lebanon who settled temporarily in Syria.

Cyprus

Child Education Sponsorship (Lebanese refugees in Cyprus).
Relief provisions to displaced Armenians due to Turkish occupation of Armenian homes.

Turkey

Child Education Sponsorship in 2 schools.
Large-scale assistance to Istanbul Youth Home.
Relief work.

Lebanon

Child Education Sponsorship in 10 schools.
Assistance to orphaned pupils and children of impoverished families.
Support for Haigazian College, Beirut.
Two college buildings constructed.
Purchase of sizeable building for Haigazian College.
Support for Institute for Armenian Blind & Deaf, Bourj-Hammoud.

Support for Home for Old People & Widows, Bourj-Hammoud.
Support for Interdenominational Sunday School.
Support for Daily Vacation Bible School of the Union.
Support for Christian programs at the Christian Endeavor Summer Center.
Relief to retired ministers, teachers and impoverished families.
Scholarships to Near East School of Theology students' training for the ministry, religious education and social services.
Large-scale financial relief to Lebanon, ravaged from civil war.
Financial assistance to *Chanasser & Badanegan Artzagank*, publications of the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches of the Near East.
Large scale assistance towards school building and church construction.
Establishment of a six-figure Ministers' Pension Fund.

Iran

Aiding in construction of church offices and parsonage.
Formation of District Committee of Iran to promote AMAA projects.
The provision of a missionary to Narmek & Mejdieh for Christian Endeavor Societies, Sunday Schools, and youth work in 2 Christian Centers.
Relief work and day school support throughout the country.
Scholarships.
Lunch program for underprivileged children.
Summer camps with intense Christian training programs for children and youth.

Australia

Assisting the founding of a missionary Church in Sydney.
Placement and support of a young minister.

Budget for this world ministry is \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 annually.



DREAMS FOR 1978

60 Years of Evangelism

"You are a chosen race . . . a dedicated people." —1 Peter 2:9

EVANGELISM means proclaiming the good news of God's forgiving love and saving grace in Christ to others through word, deed and song. Through theological training, evangelistic and social services, the AMAA cultivates evangelical values in today's world.

The rewards? *The exuberance of a girl in the Middle East who learns how much God loves her. The renewed hope of an immigrant family who find God, friends, and a future in their new country. The trusting handclasp of a crippled, elderly man in Los Angeles who gratefully accepts God's care through AMAA workers.*

AMAA Trains Ministers & Workers

Through a Leadership Recruitment Program, the AMAA helps develop qualified leaders for Armenian communities. In 1977, for example, 12 Armenian students received scholarships to fund their ministerial training. Concerned Christians who work at any of the AMAA-related missions also benefit from your support, receiving their training and inspiration on-the-job. And, rightfully caring for those who have labored many years for God's people, the AMAA also aids retired teachers, ministers and their widows, so they may still use their wisdom, experience and talents for God's Kingdom.

Child Evangelism

With the AMAA, you are involved in Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible School work with underprivileged children in Iran, Greece, Syria and Lebanon. In Lebanon, for example, Mrs. Hasmig (Donabedian) Collier of Interdenominational Sunday Schools and the Christian Endeavor Union touch the lives of over 800 children in 8 different centers. They win youth to Christ through house visitation, tract and Bible distribution, films of Bible stories, handicraft and hymn singing. D.V.B.S. efforts are also encouraged by Vacation Bible Schools, Inc. chaired by Mr. Ted Murray.

Sacred Music Singers

Modeled on the Sacred Music Singers of the 1940's in Beirut, the AMAA's Sacred Music Singers not only worship in song, but also inspire others spiritually and stimulate great pride in the Armenian community. Formed on February 7, 1976, the 51-

member choir held their first concert on May 22, 1977 in Paramus, NJ.

A Special Ministry in Publications

You also help spread God's Word in the printed media. The AMAA publishes and distributes works in Armenian and English on the Christian life, the church, and Armenian history and culture. AMAA News, which combines the former Armenian/American Outlook and the AMAA Newsletter, keeps you up-to-date on Association ministries and activities. The AMAA also provides financial assistance to *Panpere*, the publication of the Armenian Evangelical Union of France; to *Chanasser* and *Badanegan Artzagank* publications of the Union of the Armenian Churches of the Near East; to the publication of religious tracts, pamphlets and newsletters all over the world.

Social Services

Mission needs are just as real on the home front as overseas. The Immigration & Resettlement Committee of the AMAA provides counseling and referral services to immigrants . . . helps them obtain housing, furniture, health care, employment, education and transportation . . . supplies needed fellowship and guidance for their cultural transition. All these services are possible only with your help.

The new Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center in Los Angeles, opened in January, 1977, now offers these crucial services directly to individual Armenian immigrants, youth and senior citizens. *To immigrants*, the Center offers help to solve the problems of adjustment, directs the foreign-speaking to English language courses, and introduces Iron Curtain immigrants to the church, religion and the Bible. *For youth*, the Center sponsors an Armenian Students' Advisory Council to help junior and senior high school students adapt to their new country. *For senior citizens*, the Center obtains reduced fares on public transportation, arranges visits to the sick and handicapped, and sponsors group activities at the Center.

The same kind of social services are also rendered from the AMAA Headquarters in Paramus, NJ and will soon expand into courses on the English language, Armenian history and culture, and more comprehensive senior citizen programs.

Ellis Island Remembered

You are cordially invited to attend **Ellis Island Remembered** on September 23, 1978.

To recreate the past.

To share your memories with other Armenian-Americans.

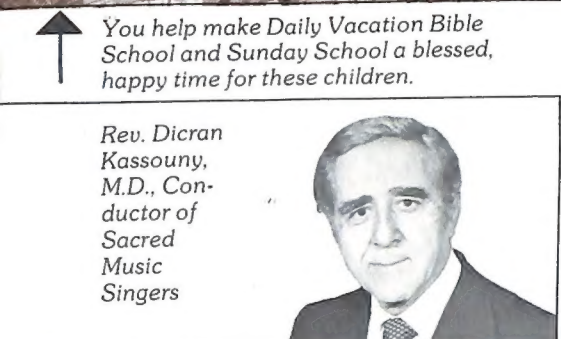
To commemorate Ellis Island today and beautify Ellis Island tomorrow.

To say once again "Thank You, America!" at the immigrants' doorstep to our nation.

Please join us.



"Leaving Ellis Island" by Burt G. Phillips, 1907. Courtesy of Museum of the City of New York.



Rev. Dicran Kassouny, M.D., Conductor of Sacred Music Singers



Exec. Dir., Dr. G.H. Chopourian, cuts ribbon at opening ceremonies of the AESSC, assisted by the Rev. Edward Toumassian.



Ellis Island Remembered

On September 23, 1978, Armenian-Americans will sponsor a celebration to beautify Ellis Island, gateway of immigrants. Festivities will include a luncheon, visiting artists, an exhibition of Armenian immigrant passports, photos, a Memorial Dinner, and more. Trees will be planted to landscape the Island, and a special commemorative booklet will be issued. Don't miss it!

SOMEONE REMEMBERED ELLIS ISLAND at a dinner held for President Carter at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, June 23rd, 1977. That someone was Set Momjian, National Chairman.

Momjian reminded Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus that over 16 million immigrants first touched American soil at Ellis Island, now left deserted in upper New York Bay.

"The benches are the same benches the immigrants used," exclaimed Momjian. "The steps, the railings, even the showerheads are the same! Ellis Island is as significant to most immigrants as the Statue of Liberty. But no one visits there today, and its buildings are falling into disrepair. Ellis Island is remembered, yes, but neglected."

Quickly, Momjian outlined a celebration to beautify Ellis Island and restore its national dignity. Armenian-Americans, all descendants of immigrants, would raise funds to have trees planted and the Island landscaped completely. They'd hold a luncheon... eat foods the immigrants would have eaten... play Armenian folk songs. They'd invite Armenian artists to paint a commemorative portfolio... exhibit authentic Armenian immigrant passports and old family photos... sponsor a Memorial Dinner in the evening. They'd unite Armenian-Americans from all over the country in memory of the time their mothers and fathers huddled together waiting entry through Ellis Island. And they'd become the first group to really do something for Ellis Island.

Andrus nodded his approval. Momjian

had already directed numerous cultural and historical projects with great success.

In 1976, Momjian chaired the splendid "Thank You, America!" banquet and helped raise nearly \$600,000 to fund a unique project. On behalf of the Armenian people, a matchless collection of 21 Herter tapes-tries featuring New York history were presented as a Bicentennial gift to the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Set Momjian, an early Carter supporter, arranged a meeting in the White House between 36 prominent Armenians and the President on December 1, 1977.

On May 16, 1978, he took 150 Armenians to the White House for a reception in the State Dining Room with the President and Mrs. Carter, a musical program in the East Room followed by dinner at the Anderson House.

With Set Momjian, *Ellis Island Remembered* will be in good hands!

A History of Memories

ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED is different to different Armenians. Only the earliest Armenian immigrants, prior to the Turkish massacres, saw Ellis Island in its early days—a fort, a munitions magazine, and later a picnic grounds. Then immigrants were processed through Castle Garden on the lower tip of Manhattan Island or at the nearby Barge Office. Those quarters soon proved too tight. On January 1, 1892, the newly-refurbished Ellis Island opened as immigrant station for the Port of New York. Most Armenian-Americans today, like the largest percentage of all

Set Momjian, National Chairman of the AMAA 60th Anniversary Celebrations and the Ellis Island Remembered Program



European immigrants, remember Ellis Island as their gateway to the United States.

The Drama of Ellis Island

Drama paraded through Ellis Island daily. Each day, shiploads of weary immigrants, fleeing poverty and oppression, seeking freedom and economic independence, passed through its turnstiles. Every immigrant brought his own compelling story.

They left behind beloved relatives, a familiar homeland, their entire past. They endured the rigors of the trip, usually in crowded, smelly steerage. Their hearts soared when they first sighted the Statue of Liberty, but when their steamship settled in quarantine to wait entry to Ellis Island, tension gripped them again. Only when the medical examination and the inspector's questions were over, and they had passed through the maze of interpreters and train agents to their waiting relatives and friends, did that anxiety dissolve. In this way, thousands began life in their new country at Ellis Island.

In 1932, all immigration processing at Ellis Island ceased. By this time, officials conducted their inspection at the ports of embarkation, and the Island served only as a detention and deportation center. On November 12, 1954, Ellis Island closed completely. And in 1966, President Johnson proclaimed the Island to be part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument.

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Armenians Will Sponsor Tree Planting & Landscaping



Trees bring a landscape to life. With their sculpted trunks and graceful limbs, their riotous leaves dancing on the wind, trees can turn a barren island into a refreshing park.

On behalf of the Armenian people, trees will be planted on Ellis Island as part of the ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED celebration. The trees selected will include the poplar, native to Armenia. The trees will be sponsored by Armenian-Americans. A special plaque will memorialize forever the names of Armenian immigrants in whose memory the Island was landscaped.

You can help beautify Ellis Island by joining other Armenian-Americans in this unique, cultural and ecological project! You can sponsor a tree and its planting to landscape the Island with a tax-deductible contribution of \$1000 through the Armenian Missionary Association of America.

Another way to memorialize your loved ones is through a tax-exempt contribution to the two ELLIS ISLAND MEMORIAL BOOKS into which will be entered the names of those on whose behalf memorial gifts are made. One will be constantly on view at Ellis Island. The other will be prominently displayed at the AMAA Headquarters in Paramus, N.J.

To memorialize your family, relatives or friends through this unique gift, complete the attached form and mail with your contribution to Set Momjian, National Chairman of the Ellis Island Remembered Committee.

Armenian Artists Will Paint Commemorative Portfolio



A painting captures history on canvas, portraying both the drama and the detail of life.

On September 23, 1978, five prominent Armenian artists will visit Ellis Island to sketch scenes of the island and the ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED celebration. Afterwards they will prepare finished commemorative paintings from the sketches. The five paintings will then be privately printed in a special edition of 200 portfolios. Each five-picture portfolio will be signed, numbered, and offered at the special collector's price of \$2500 each. Donors of \$10,000 or more to the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, on the occasion of ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED, will receive a free portfolio. All proceeds will fund the landscaping and beautification of Ellis Island.

Simply complete and return the attached form with your deposit to Set Momjian, National Chairman of the ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED Committee.

Exhibit Will Display Family Passports & Photos



Your old family documents and photographs are precious to you. They're valuable. They link you to a past you're probably too young to remember. They recall an earlier homeland, another heritage. They may be your only visible proof of parents, grandparents or distant relatives. Your treasured passports, visas, certificates and photos intertwine both your past and the past of a half-million Armenian-Americans with the history of Ellis Island.

ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED will feature a special exhibit of immigrant passports and period family photos of Armenian-Americans—yours included.

If you, your family or your relatives still have those immigrant passports or visas used for entry into the United States through Ellis Island, you possess something of great cultural interest. On September 23, 1978, you can share your legacy with other Armenian-Americans, immigrant descendants, historians and scholars, through this special exhibit.

THE ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED Committee is also seeking family photos of the Ellis Island period (1892 to 1932) or one to two years after. Group pictures, not single portraits, are requested.

Share your family memories with other Armenian-Americans! Search out the immigrant passports and family photos of the period in your possession. Mark each one clearly with the name of the owner and the approximate date. Include your current name, address and telephone number. Send them with the attached form to Set Momjian, National Chairman of the ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED Committee. Your passports and photos will be returned to you after the celebration.

Ellis Island Remembered Program

A celebration to commemorate and beautify Ellis Island, gateway of immigrants.

Sponsored by Armenian-Americans, grateful to the United States.

September 23, 1978

Ellis Island, upper New York Bay

Guests arrive on Ellis Island by boat or ferry from both the New York and New Jersey sides. Each guest will be given a small box packed with food familiar to the immigrants who were processed at Ellis Island from 1892 to 1932. This lunch of olives, cheese, Armenian bread and other foods will be wrapped in a large bandanna, similar to that worn by so many European immigrant women. This bandanna, printed with the program of the day, will serve as both a picnic tablecloth and a family keepsake of ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED.

During the morning, an Armenian musician will play folk songs familiar to the immigrants on an OUD. This special guitar resembles a lute and takes its name from the Arabic word UD (meaning "wood").



A very brief presentation by distinguished visitors and Armenian-Americans will highlight the afternoon.

During the day, five prominent Armenian artists will visit the Island and prepare sketches for a special portfolio of commemorative paintings. A limited number of portfolios will be available to donors for \$2500 per portfolio.



Before September 23, 1978, donors will have the opportunity to memorialize their loved ones through contributions to ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED. Over the public address system, donors will hear the name, address and approximate date of arrival of their loved ones announced continuously throughout the celebration day.

An ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED commemorative booklet will be presented to each guest in remembrance of the day and as a companion volume to the attractive "Thank You, America" booklet of 1976.

After September 23, 1978, ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED will not be forgotten. All funds raised for the special tree planting memorials will be used to landscape and refurbish Ellis Island. Thanks to Armenian-Americans, Ellis Island of yesterday will live again for visitors tomorrow. It will also generate interest among other ethnic groups to take an active role in restoring other portions of the Island.

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Աւետարանականը կ'իրագործէ ձեռնարկներուն տնտեսութիւնը՝ ստացուած նուիրատուութիւններով (հաստ-

թաքեր հիմնադրամ, յուշդրամ եւ այլ նուէրներ): Ասոնք սիրով ընձաներ են՝ հոգածու Հայ-Ամերիկացիներուն կողմէ:

1978ին, վաթսուամեակի Հանդիսութեան առիթով, Աւետարանականը կը հաստատէ գործունէութեան շորս այլ մարզեր.- (1) Ընկերակցութեան Ծառայութիւն, որով Ընկերակցութիւնը կը հոգայ պէտքերը ներգաղթողներու, երիտասարդներու եւ տարեց քաղաքացիներու, մասնատրաբար՝ Լոս Անճէլըսի շրջանին մէջ. (2) Հայ Մշակույթի Սերտողութիւն, որով Աւետարանականը զարկ կուտայ հայ մշակույթի, լեզուի եւ պատմութեան դասընթացներու. (3) Ռէլիգիոյ միջոցով հայկական Յայտագիրներ, որոնցմով կարելի կը դառնայ Աւետարանը քարոզել հայկական հոծ խմբումներու՝ այլեւայլ շրջաններու մէջ. (4) Հանգստեան Կոչում Տարեց Քաղաքացիներու Յատուկ Յայտագիրներ, որով կրնանք տարեցներուն վերջին տարիները աւելի նշանակալից դարձնել: Հսկայական է կարիքը՝ այստեղ եւ ծովերէն անդին, մասնատրապէս՝ Միջին Արեւելք: Աւետարանի կոչը՝ որեւէ ատեն աւելի հիմա՝ կը հրաւիրէ մեզ՝ վաթսուամեակի Հանդիսութեան առիթով մեր բաժինը բերելու միսիոնարական անյետաձգելի գործերուն:

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ԱՂՕԹԵՆ—Հայեցեք Աստուծոյ առաջնորդութիւնը: Անցեք ձեր սրտի ճամբաներէն եւ որոնեցեք «միսիոնարական» այլ կարելիութիւնները, որոնցմով Ս. Հոգին կրնայ գործել: Միացեք աղօթողներու փառանգին, որ Տէրը բազմապատկէ աւետարանիչներու, եկեղեցոյ անդամ-

ներու եւ միսիոնարական կրակով բռնկած հոգիներու թիւը:

ՆՊԱՍՏԱՄԱՏՈՅՑ ԸԼԼԻԱԼ—Բաժնեցեք ձեր բարիքներէն դժբախտ հայորդիներուն՝ ամենուրեք: Առ ի բաւարարութիւն ծով կարիքներու, զորս կը սահմանուին եկեղեցական եւ միսիոնարական մեր առաջնորդներուն, ինչպէս նաեւ՝ Աւետարանականի Վարչական Մարմնին կողմէ, Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութիւնը կը ձեռնարկէ՝ ձեր օժանդակութեամբ՝ Հիմնադրամի հանգանակութեամբ՝ Ընկերակցութեան 60-ամեակի առիթով: Երկրիս բոլոր հայերէն կը խնդրուի իրենց նուիրատուութեան խոստումը՝ պատմական այս տարեկարծի ճշունով:

Խոստումներ կրնան վճարուիլ ամէն տարի, նուիրատուին փախաբին համեմատ եւ գումարները կը ներդրուին իբրեւ հաստութեան հիմնադրամ: Հիմնադրամի եկամույթը պիտի գործածուի միսիոնարական այլ նպատակներուն՝ զորս կը սահմանուին նուիրատուներու կողմէ: Խոստումներ կրնան վճարուիլ անմիջապէս եւ կամ հինգ տարուան մէջ:

Նկատի առած ներկայ պէտքը, մեր առաջնորդներն ու անդամները աղօթքով կը նպատակադրեն ապահովել ԵՐԵՔ ՄԻԼԻՈՆ ՏՈՒՐ ընդհանուր գումարի հասնող խոստումներ՝ 1978 տարուան մէջ: Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութիւնը լիալոյս ակնկալութեամբ կը նայի ամենուն՝ որ հնարատրութիւնը ստեղծեցին միսիոնարական ծառայութեան, այս վերջին վաթսուն տարիներուն, եւ անկարան կ'անձկան գործին զօրեղ շարունակուիլը եւս շատ տարիներ:

Mr. Set Momjian, National Chairman, AMAA/ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED
140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 (201) 265-2607 -2608

I would like to participate in the AMAA/ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED Celebration in the following manner:

ATTEND THE PICNIC LUNCH. Please reserve ☐ 1 ☐ 2 (Fill in) places on the boat/ferry trip to Ellis Island and the picnic lunch, at \$25.00 per person. Please send a complete timetable. Enclosed is \$ _____ (Fill in) tree plantings to beautify Ellis Island, at \$1000 per tree.

SPONSOR A TREE PLANTING. Please reserve ☐ 1 ☐ 2 (Fill in) tree plantings to beautify Ellis Island, at \$1000 per tree. Please supply more information. Enclosed is my deposit of \$ _____ toward this project. The following names are to be memorialized:

Name _____ Date of Arrival _____ Name _____ Date of Arrival _____

ORDER A PORTFOLIO. Please reserve ☐ 1 ☐ 2 (Fill in) Portfolios of ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED Commemorative Paintings at \$2,500 per portfolio of 5 pictures. Please furnish details. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ toward this project.

SEND PASSPORTS & PHOTOS. I/we would like to share the enclosed passports and/or photos with ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED. Each item is clearly labeled. Please return them to the address below.

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER. I/we would like to attend the special Memorial Dinner at \$50 per person.

Enclosed is \$ _____ to reserve ☐ 1 ☐ 2 (Fill in) places.

MY CONTRIBUTION TO ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED. I/we're sorry we can't attend on September 23rd. We want to support ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED with the enclosed donation of \$ _____ in memory of:

Name _____ Date of Arrival _____

All contributions, gifts and memorials are tax-deductible. Mail on or before Sept. 1, 1978. Make checks payable to: AMAA/Ellis Island Remembered

Name of Donor (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Hopes for the Future . . . With AMAA

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, . . . let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."
—Hebrews 12:1

To be your missionary in 1978 and the future, the AMAA needs:

- Resources to continue current works in EDUCATION, CHURCH GROWTH, EVANGELISM, and RELIEF.
- Resources to develop new ministries, especially SOCIAL SERVICES, SENIOR CITIZEN'S RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, ARMENIAN LANGUAGE AND HERITAGE STUDIES, CHRISTIAN PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL.
- Resources to handle administration, mission education and developmental research.

What You Can Do

STUDY

all you can about AMAA missionary activities, their needs, their potential. Read AMAA News regularly, and order selections from AMAA's Armenian-English literature and booklist. Discover for yourself your own rich heritage through study of Armenian history, culture and language.

PRAY

Ask for God's leading. Search your heart for ways the Spirit can "mission" through YOU. Join with others to pray for more missionaries, more church members, more mission-mindedness.

SUPPORT

Offer your time, talent and treasure through the AMAA. Become involved in the Missions Committee in your local church. Be a missionary—overseas, in your own community, among family and friends—by spreading the Good News about God's love, about outstanding Christian Armenians, about the AMAA. Share your resources with underprivileged Armenians everywhere, in the fullness in which God has blessed you.

GIVE!

In response to the vital needs selected by church and mission leaders and by the Board of Directors, the AMAA with your cooperation will conduct a Capital Fund Campaign during its 60th Anniversary year. Armenians throughout the country will be asked to pledge special contributions in honor of the historic occasion.

Research made by the Board of Directors has established that annual investment returns from \$2,000,000 in capital funds will enable the Association to sustain its mission projects for many years to come. Pledges, payable annually according to donor specifications, will be invested as Endowment Funds. The income from those Endowment Funds will be used only for the missionary projects chosen by the donors. Commitments may be paid immediately or within 5 years.

To answer mission needs, leaders and members alike will prayerfully anticipate a total pledging of at least \$2 million in 1978. The AMAA looks with confidence to the many people like you, who have enabled us to do so much in the past 60 years, to continue our world missionary outreach in the future. Ours is a Faith Venture. God is faithful and will touch hearts to fulfill our Faith Venture.

What Your 60th Anniversary Gifts Can Do!

The AMAA's 60th Anniversary will celebrate the past, present and future. Your pledge during 1978 means that the AMAA will be able to continue and enlarge its outstanding missionary service year after year.

Your tax-deductible, capital fund contributions will be invested as Endowment Funds. The annual income from these Endowment Funds will be used solely to support the missionary projects you choose.

Here's how.



Share because you care

Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the AMAA! Use the convenient envelope stitched into the center of this book or use the coupon on right.

| Annual Income From Your Capital Fund Contribution of: | Will Perform This Mission Service Year After Year Perpetually: | Annual Income From Your Capital Fund Contribution of: | Will Perform This Mission Service Year After Year Perpetually: |
|--|---|--|--|
| \$ 500.00 | Send a child to camp for 7 days. | 10,000.00 | Provide medical aid for a clinic in Beirut for 200 visits. |
| 500.00 | Provide relief for 1 week for a needy elderly Armenian. | 10,000.00 | Provide 50 scientific books annually for the Library at Haigazian College |
| 500.00 | Sponsor a child's lunch for 14 days. | 15,000.00 | Provide annual scholarship for a student preparing for the ministry at N.E.S.T. |
| 500.00 | Print 1000 religious leaflets for circulation. | 20,000.00 | Provide annual scholarship for a student at Haigazian College. |
| 1,000.00 | Help educate an elementary child for 1 year. | 25,000.00 | Provide 1 year's salary for Child Evangelism program leader. |
| 2,000.00 | Help educate a high school student for 1 year. | 30,000.00 | Provide a teacher for a financially-troubled school for 1 year. |
| 2,000.00 | Provide 15 minutes on Radio for Armenian Christian Gospel Programs. | 40,000.00 | Provide salary for a Christian youth worker for 1 year. |
| 3,000.00 | Provide 3 months' financial support for a retired minister. | 50,000.00 | Underwrite publication and mailing costs of one issue of AMAA News. |
| 3,000.00 | Provide 30 Armenian Bibles annually to underprivileged individuals. | 50,000.00 | Provide weekly 15-minute Christian Armenian programs on radio for a whole year. |
| 4,000.00 | Provide financial relief to a retired teacher overseas for 1 year. | 60,000.00 | Subsidize an elementary teacher's salary for 1 year. |
| 4,000.00 | Provide 30 annual subscriptions of Christian Armenian Publications as gifts to the elderly or to retired persons. | 75,000.00 | Subsidize a high school teacher's salary for 1 year. |
| 4,000.00 | Provide a 30-minute Christian Armenian program on radio. | 80,000.00 | Subsidize the salary of a minister overseas for 1 year. |
| 5,000.00 | Provide 1,250 hot lunches to needy children. | 100,000.00 | Support a U.S. missionary in the field for 1 year. |
| 5,000.00 | Provide full scholarship for a high school student. | 100,000.00 | Provide a weekly 30-minute Christian Armenian program on radio for a whole year. |
| 5,000.00 | Provide daily meals for 250 children attending summer camps. | 150,000.00 | Provide a professorial chair for an instructor at Haigazian College. |
| 6,000.00 | Provide tuition, room and board for a needy child at the Istanbul Youth Home for 1 year. | 200,000.00 | Provide a professorial chair for a department head at Haigazian College. |
| 7,000.00 | Provide annual relief to a retired minister. | 500,000.00 | Will establish and finance a medical clinic as a memorial. |
| 8,000.00 | Finance the publication of 100,000 religious tracts. | | |
| 10,000.00 | Provide 1-semester scholarship for a student in the U.S.A. | | |

Arrangements can be made for administering Trust Funds entrusted to the AMAA for special purposes. Please call Dr. G.H. Chopourian at AMAA Headquarters for confidential information.

(CUT OUT THIS FORM AND MAIL THIS SECTION.)

60th Anniversary Campaign
Armenian Missionary Association of America, Inc.
140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652
(201) 265-2607 -2608

IT IS A JOY TO MAKE THIS COMMITMENT OF FAITH TOWARD THE ASSOCIATION'S CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF

☐ _____ ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$10,000 ☐ _____

This amount will be paid over a period of: ☐ 1 year ☐ 2 years ☐ 3 years ☐ 4 years ☐ 5 years ☐ Through our Estate Planning

Payment will be made: ☐ Monthly ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ Annually ☐ Through our Estate Planning

Pledges on this occasion will be used as capital funds. The interest from these funds will be used for the outreach of the Association.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone: () _____
(area code)

Please return this section for the Association's records. All pledges will be published. If you do not wish your pledge made public, check here. ☐ No publication in any form, except in AMAA's Annual Report. ☐ No announcement at banquets.

(Please make your tax deductible contributions payable to the AMAA.)

DONOR'S RECORD

The total amount of

\$ _____

I/We pledged will be paid over a 1 2 3 4 5 year (circle one)

period as follows:

Monthly
or



Payment will be made through our Estate Plan. (All contributions are tax deductible.)

MR JACOB TOROSIAN
680 WOOD 207th ST
NEW YORK NY 10034

Address Correction Requested

AMAA 60th Anniversary Celebration Schedule

Celebration Banquets

Churches and chapters have resolved to participate actively in the achievement of our aspirations through a series of dinners.

Confirmed Pre-Banquet and Banquet Events 1978

| NAME OF CHURCH | PRE-BANQUET | BANQUET |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|
| {AEC, NY APC, Paramus, NJ | Thur.-Fri., Sept. 7-8 | Sunday, Sept. 10 |
| AMCC, Havertown, PA | Thur., Sept. 14 | Sat., Sept. 16 |
| AEEC, Providence, RI | | Open |
| AMC, Watertown, MA | Thur., Sept. 28 | Sat., Sept. 30 |
| AACC, Salem, NH | Thur., Oct. 5 | Sat., Oct. 7 |
| UACCC, Troy, NY | Thur., Oct. 12 | Sat., Oct. 14 |
| ACCM, Worcester, MA | Thur., Oct. 19 | Sat., Oct. 21 |
| ACC, Detroit, MI | Thur., Oct. 26 | Sat., Oct. 28 |
| ACC, Chicago, IL | Thur., Nov. 2 | Sat., Nov. 4 |
| {AEC, Montreal, Canada FAEC, Montreal, Canada | Thur., Nov. 9 | Sat., Nov. 11 |
| AEC, Toronto, Canada | Thur., Nov. 16 | Sat., Nov. 18 |
| {ACC, Pasadena, CA UACC, Hollywood, CA IACC, Downey, CA | Thur., Nov. 16 | Sat., Nov. 18 |
| {FAPC, Fresno, CA PACC, Fresno, CA | Thur., Nov. 30 | Sat., Dec. 2 |
| {BAEC, San Francisco, CA CACC, San Francisco, CA | Thur., Nov. 16 | Sun., Nov. 19 |
| AEC, Sacramento, CA | | Private Dinner |
| AEF, San Diego, CA | | Sun., Dec. 10 |
| Miami Chapter, FL | | Sat., April 15 |
| Washington, DC | | Sat., May 13 |
| Overseas | | |
| Montevideo, Uruguay | | Aug. 18, 19 or 20 |
| Buenos Aires, Argentina | | Aug. 25, 26 or 27 |
| Sao Paulo, Brazil | | Sept. 1, 2 or 3 |
| Tehran, Iran | | Oct. 14 |

Directors of the 60th Anniversary Celebration

George Philibosian
International Campaign Director

Archie Cherkezian
President, AMAA

Set C. Momjian
National Campaign Director

Dr. Giragos H. Chopourian
Executive Director, AMAA

Ellis Island Remembered

In memory of Armenian immigrants, trees will be planted on Ellis Island to beautify this historic gateway to our country. Memorials sponsored by Armenian-Americans will help fund the landscaping of the Island. That area of the park will then be designated as the Armenian Ethnic Section.

A special celebration on September 23, 1978 will feature a luncheon, visiting artists, distinguished visitors, a passport/photo exhibit, a Memorial Dinner and a special commemorative booklet.

Commemorative Art Portfolio

Five prominent Armenian artists will prepare commemorative paintings on the Ellis Island Remembered theme. The five paintings will be lithographed in a special edition of 200 portfolios. Each portfolio will be signed, numbered and offered as a collector's item at \$2,500 per portfolio of five pictures.

Sacred Music Record

Sponsored by the AMAA, Miss Sylvia Kutchukian will record an album of Sacred Music in Armenian and English. One side of the record will contain sacred songs in English, the other in Armenian. The record will include the new AMAA theme song, "Hail! Loved AMAA." Copies of the record will be distributed at the Anniversary Banquets with the compliments of the AMAA.

Sylvia Kutchukian and Lucina Hubbard will be the featured soloists at all the banquets planned for the United States and Canada.

Lucina Agbabian Hubbard has already had a record of Armenian folk songs pressed which has found great acceptance. The record is entitled "Armenian Art Songs".



*Sylvia Kutchukian,
Performing Artist*



*Lucina Agbabian Hubbard,
Performing Artist*